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Chapter 1 summarizes the proposed action by U.S. Army Alaska: construction and operation of a Battle Area Complex (BAX) and a Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF) within U.S. Army training lands in Alaska. This section summarizes the purpose and need for the proposed action. Issues identified during the scoping and public review process are also presented.

Chapter 2 provides a detailed description of the proposed action and provides a comparison of the location alternatives considered, including Eddy Drop Zone (Alternative 2), Donnelly Drop Zone (Alternative 3), North Texas Range (Alternative 4), and North Texas Range/Eddy Drop Zone Combination (Alternative 5). In addition, a description of the No Action (Alternative 1) is provided. Other alternatives that were considered and eliminated are discussed. Finally, a comparison of environmental consequences for each alternative is presented.

Important: For a summary comparison of alternatives, see Tables 2.m and 2.n. For a summary of environmental impacts for each alternative, see Tables 2.o and 2.p. These tables are located at the end of Chapter 2.

Chapter 3 describes the affected environment. This chapter summarizes the current state of knowledge of the physical, biological, and social environment at DTA East, and nearby communities.

Chapter 4 compares the consequences of the five alternatives to the physical, biological, and social environments that were described in Chapter 3. Each section provides a brief description of activities that could affect the environment under each alternative, a methodology of analysis, a review of impacts common to all alternatives, and a quantitative (when applicable) and a qualitative comparison of alternatives. Existing and proposed mitigation measures are also listed.

Chapters 5-8 provide supplemental information.

Chapter 9 contains the Army's responses to comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement released in 2004.

The *appendix* contains the maps cited in Chapters 1-4, additional information on archaeological and air resources, an analysis of existing and proposed mitigation measures, and a draft Finding of No Practicable Alternative.